

## George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, January 2, 1791, with Notes, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

### Washington to Jefferson

*Sunday, January 2, 1791.*

#### WASHINGTON TO JEFFERSON

*Dear Sir:* The enclosed Notes<sup>7</sup> are sufficiently descriptive to comprehend the *two* objects fully; but it is necessary to remark, that if the *first* line<sup>8</sup> begins at a point on Hunting Creek, the *fourth* line cannot, in any part *touch* (though it will *include* ) the Town of Alexandria; because Huntg. Creek is below the boundaries of the Town. And, if it could be so ordered as for the *first line* to avoid *touching* the town, that is, to allow room for its extending backwards, as well as up and down the River, without throwing too much of the district into Virginia, it would be a desirable measure. Where are the Acts, or Resolutions of the States of Virginia and Maryland (respecting the Cession of the ten miles Square) to be met with? If to be brought from the Archives of these States, much time will be required in obtaining them: but quere, are they not among the deposits of the Genl. Government.? The presumption is, that they were transmitted by the two States above mentioned. Yrs. Affectly.

<sup>7</sup> These notes of the courses and distances are, with this letter, in the *Jefferson Papers* in the Library of Congress.

<sup>8</sup> The southwest boundary line of the District of Columbia.

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[Pp. 189, WRITINGS OF WASHINGTON, Fitzpatrick, Vol. 31.]